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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged from 2 to 4 degrees above normal. It was warm and dry early in the week and cool and cloudy Friday through Sunday. Light showers and scattered small hail spread across the State Thursday night and Friday morning. The only appreciable amount of precipitation reported was from a thunderstorm in Hall County that left up to a half inch of moisture and some large hail between 8 and 10 in the evening. Thundershowers redeveloped over southeastern Nebraska on Saturday with many local areas receiving over half an inch and some reported over an inch of moisture. Several days of strong winds caused blowing dust in the Panhandle again this week.

CROPS Farmers were active in all parts of the State doing field work during the past week. Seeding of the intended oat acreage advanced sharply with about 74 percent of the crop planted at the close of the week but on a sharply reduced acreage. There was also some seeding of barley and legumes. Most of the field work consisted of disking, plowing and the preparation of ground for the planting of corn, milo and soybeans. Summer fallow operations were becoming active in the western area as well as tillage methods for controlling wind erosion.

Winter wheat continued to hold on but moisture supplies are quite limited in the western area and the next 30 days will be a very critical period for the crop. Timely rains must be received if the crop develops this year as subsoil moisture reserves are almost exhausted. In the southeastern counties, winterkill is becoming more apparent and some farmers are plowing up their fields in preparation of planting other crops.

Planting of sugar beets continues in the Platte Valley with some being planted in Burt County. In the western area, some of the beets may be irrigated up to stands unless rain is received soon.

Pasture and range feed is developing slowly but farmers and ranchers are turning onto this feed as their supply of hay and forage is about exhausted. Alfalfa made fair growth during the warm period but plant development is much later than usual. Brome grass also made good growth.

LIVESTOCK Calving is nearing completion in most parts of the State. There has been some disease problems but generally the calf crop percentage will be good. Feed lots have dried rapidly and cattle are making better gains under the more favorable conditions. Farrowing of sows continues with good litter sizes reported. Milk production rates show some increase as more green feed becomes available.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1965

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.09	Burwell	---	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.68	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	.28	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	1.08			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.58				

Precipitation, April 1 - April 23, 1965

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.05	.05	.02	.01	T	.01	.02
Total since April 1	.83	1.34	1.46	1.31	1.96	.80	1.32	1.63
Normal since April 1	1.40	1.56	1.76	1.57	1.81	1.42	1.60	1.83

